

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/252,880 filed February 18, 1999; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 11, please replace the first full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

As in Fig. 4A, a powder 23 of, for example, Mo or the like is filled into the cavity as surrounded by the first to fourth side plates 27, 29, 31, 33, the upper plate 35 and the lower plate 37, such as those in Fig. 2A to Fig. 2C, and this is covered with a rubber medium ~~37~~51 to prepare a body 43 to be shaped-controlled, separately from the molding device.

Page 11, please replace the second full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

Next, as in Fig. 48, the body 43 to be compressed is set in the pressure chamber 47 in the isostatic molding device 45. In this, the pressure chamber 47 is provided with a pressure container 55 that houses therein rubber 51 and water 53 surrounding the rubber 51, and an upper ram 57 and a lower ram 59 that seal the openings 49, ~~49~~ of the pressure chamber 55 formed at the upper and lower sides.